

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : JAMES M. RHODES, ET AL. Confirmation No.: 5756
Appln. No. : 10/606,533
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Title : MODULAR SURGICAL INSTRUMENT WITH RECIPROCABLE
IMPLEMENT
Art Unit : 3736
Examiner : Jeffrey Gerben Hoekstra

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action of 11/14/2007 for a three (3) month extension from 02/14/2008 to 05/14/2008.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 10-0750/DEP5054USNP/SJM.

Respectfully submitted,

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